



Profile of Town of Caroline



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Achieving Youth Results (AYR): Tompkins County Youth Services Department worked with our community to develop goals for our county's young people and indicators (data) to track progress toward these goals. The six goals are listed in the boxes starting on page 2. For more information on Achieving Youth Results, please visit <http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/youth/AYR>.

Population and Demographics

Caroline Population, All Ages – 3,419

Caroline has the lowest population among Tompkins County towns.
Population increased 4.2% since 2010.



Median Age – 39.0 (Tompkins median age – 30.4)

Caroline Youth Population

Caroline's 0-17 youth population increased 11% since 2010.
4.8% of Tompkins youth ages 0-17 reside in Caroline.

Caroline's 0-20 youth population increased 1% since 2010.
3.0% of Tompkins youth ages 0-20 reside in Caroline.

23.3% of Caroline's population is under age 21.

Race, All Ages

White	89.4%
Black/African American	5.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0%
Asian	1.1%
Other	0%
Two or more races	4.4%

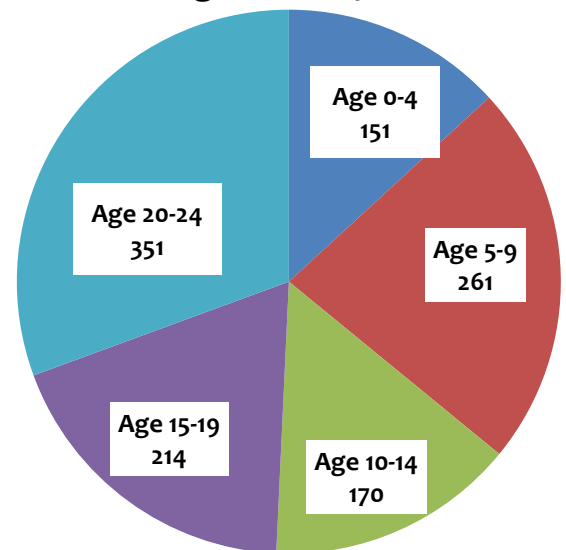
Hispanic/Latino 3.1%

Data Source: 1 (See p. 9)

Caroline Youth Population

Age 0-17 - 767

Age 0-20 - 796



Community

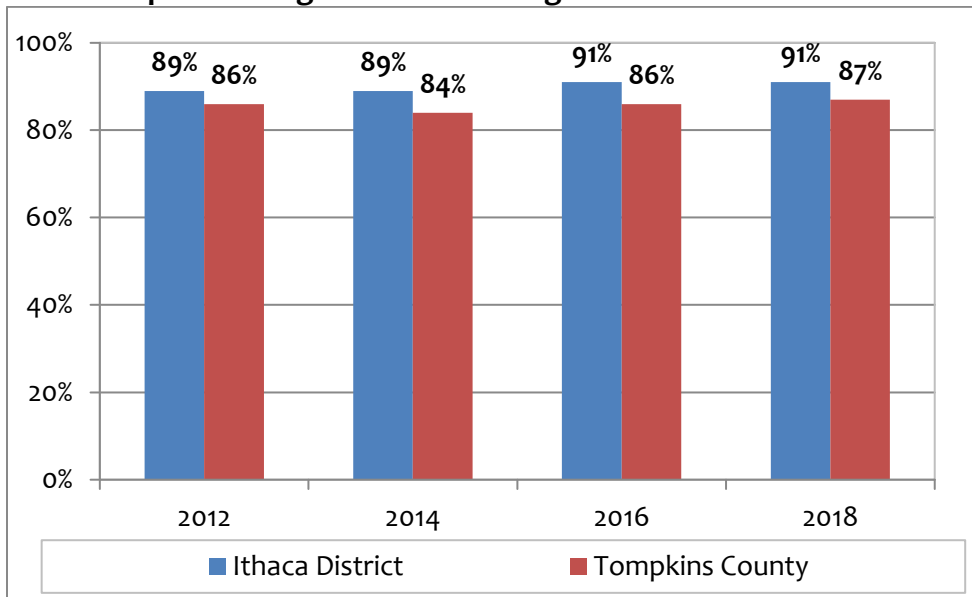
AYR Goal: Our Community (Tompkins County) will provide children, youth and families with healthy, safe, and thriving environments.

Total Number of Caroline Households – 1,359

Caroline Households Spending 30% or More of Income on Housing (5 year average)

2007-11	2008-12	2009-13	2011-15
325	380	335	375

Students Who Report Feeling Safe in Their Neighborhood



Data Sources: 1, 8, 10 (See p. 9)

Economic Security

AYR Goal: Children and youth will live in an economically secure community.

Caroline Poverty

People of all ages below poverty level – 7.0% (Tompkins County rate – 20.4%)

People below age 18 below poverty level – 2.1% (Tompkins County rate – 16.7%)

Caroline Housing

Number of owner occupied houses: 835

Percent of housing units that are owner occupied – 67.3%

Median value of owner occupied houses: \$164,900

Percent of housing units (1,359) that are mobile homes: 14.0%



For rental units, median rent – \$895

Occupied Caroline Housing Units with No Vehicle Available – 0 (0%)

Free or Reduced Lunch Participation

	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Caroline Elem.	32%	5%	35%	4%	34%	3%
Boynton M.S.	29%	5%	29%	5%	29%	3%
DeWitt M.S.	32%	6%	31%	6%	33%	6%
IHS	24%	5%	25%	5%	25%	4%
LACS	24%	12%	26%	10%	30%	9%
Ithaca District	30%	6%	32%	6%	32%	5%
Tompkins Co.	31%	7%	34%	6%	35%	5%

Notes: Eligibility for a family of four (July 2017) – Free lunch - \$31,980; Reduced lunch - \$45,510

This table shows participation rates and does not reflect those youth who are eligible but do not apply and do not participate.

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Data Sources: 1, 4, 10 (See p. 9)

Education

AYR Goal: Youth will leave school prepared to live, learn, and work in their community.

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School Enrollment

	School Enrollment		Students with Disabilities		ELL* Students		Homeless Students	
	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Caroline Elem.	272	304	46 (17%)	54 (18%)	1	0	N/A	7 (2%)
Boynton M.S.	566	521	70 (12%)	78 (15%)	0	0	N/A	6 (1%)
DeWitt M.S.	490	460	70 (14%)	65 (14%)	19 (4%)	21 (5%)	N/A	6 (1%)
IHS	1,360	1,407	120 (9%)	130 (9%)	27 (2%)	18 (1%)	N/A	12 (1%)
LACS	301	304	34 (11%)	38 (13%)	0	0	N/A	0
Ithaca District	5,082	5,171	629 (12%)	679 (13%)	231 (5%)	220 (4%)	N/A	65 (1%)
Tompkins Co.	10,376	10,489	1,566 (15%)	1,638 (15%)	260 (2%)	251 (2%)	N/A	147 (1%)

*ELL = English Language Learners

Students Attending Private School

In the 2017-18 school year, 227 K-12 students residing in the Ithaca district attended a non-public school. The largest number (140) attended the Elizabeth Ann Clune Montessori School.

School Performance

Ithaca 3 rd grade Student Performance on Spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards				
	Caroline Elementary		ICSD	
	ELA*	Math	ELA*	Math
2014-15	27%	53%	35%	56%
2015-16	51%	55%	52%	57%
2016-17	47%	59%	38%	58%
2017-18	51%	60%	53%	63%



Ithaca 8 th grade Student Performance on Spring Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards								
	Boynton		DeWitt		LACS		ICSD	
	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math	ELA	Math
2014-15	62%	60%	74%	62%	74%	21%	67%	58%
2015-16	62%	69%	78%	71%	59%	27%	68%	65%
2016-17	64%	21%	63%	26%	44%	14%	60%	23%
2017-18	63%	35%	69%	39%	50%	26%	64%	35%

*ELA = English Language Arts

NYS Education Dept.'s goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.

2016: Due to changes in the ELA and math exams, proficiency rates from exams prior to 2016 are not directly comparable to the 2015 rates. Starting in 2014-15, 8th grade math proficiency also includes students who passed a Regents test.

ICSD Progress Toward High School Completion

Year entered 9 th grade	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years			New York State's standard is 80% graduating after 5 years.
	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	
2010	85%	6%	6%	87%	3%	7%	
2011	89%	5%	4%	91%	2%	4%	
2012	91%	4%	4%	92%	2%	5%	
2013	91%	3%	6%	93%	0%	6%	
2014	94%	3%	3%				

This table tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks the cohort's progress toward high school completion after 4 and 5 years.

“Graduated” includes students with a Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, or Local Diploma. Local Diplomas were phased out for general ed. students in 2013. An IEP diploma is not considered a graduation diploma.

Plans of ICSD High School Graduates and Completers

	4 year college	2 year college	Other post-secondary	Military	Employment	Other	Plan unknown
2013-14	63%	18%	1%	1%	9%	8%	0%
2014-15	63%	23%	1%	0%	7%	7%	0%
2015-16	62%	23%	0%	1%	8%	6%	0%
2016-17	68%	17%	0%	1%	4%	8%	2%

School Life (Students, grades 7-12)

	ICSD	Tompkins
Feels welcomed and appreciated by school adults	48%	46%
Has a trusted adult in school who can help with problems	44%	51%
Feels safe at school	79%	79%
Feels school rules are fairly enforced	33%	35%
Says students treat each other with respect	29%	29%
Someone said something hurtful to them in past 30 days at school	18%	25%
Was physically bullied in past 30 days at school	3%	4%

Data Sources: 4, 8 (See p. 9)

Civic Engagement

AYR Goal: Children and youth will demonstrate commitment to their community as contributing members of their families, schools, and neighborhoods.

Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities in Past 12 Months (school or community)

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Ithaca District	84%	86%	86%	87%
Tompkins County	81%	83%	83%	83%

Grade 7-12 Student Participation in Sports in Past 12 Months (school or community)

	2012	2014	2016	2018
Ithaca District	74%	74%	72%	72%
Tompkins County	78%	77%	75%	75%

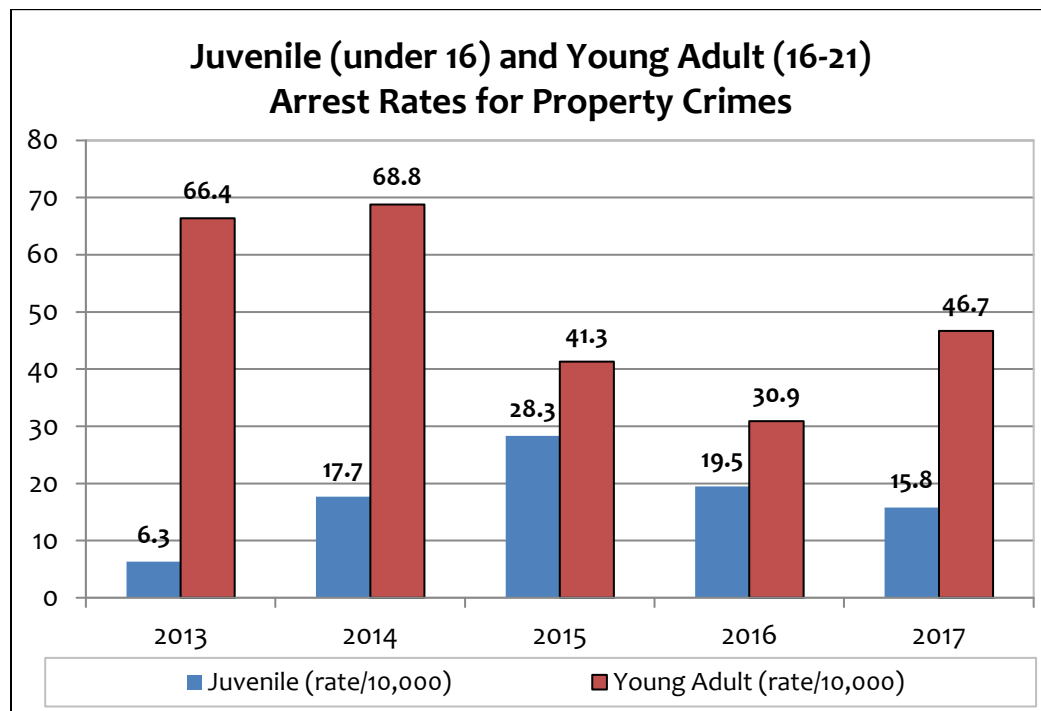


Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by Schools

	2015		2016		2017	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Caroline Elem.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boynton M.S.	0	5	0	7	0	2
DeWitt M.S.	0	1	1	3	2	12
LACS	0	5	0	1	0	1
Ithaca H.S.	0	15	0	12	0	13

*A Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) is a youth under the age of eighteen who is showing a pattern of habitual disobedience, running away, curfew violations, substance abuse, violent behavior, or school truancy problems. Pre-PINS Diversion Services attempt to resolve the conflicts that brought a youth to the attention of the Probation Department by offering supervision, guidance, and referrals to community resources, thus preventing the need for formal Family Court intervention. Pre-PINS Diversion is a mandatory prerequisite prior to filing a formal PINS petition in Family Court.

Arrests for Property Crimes – Tompkins County Rate

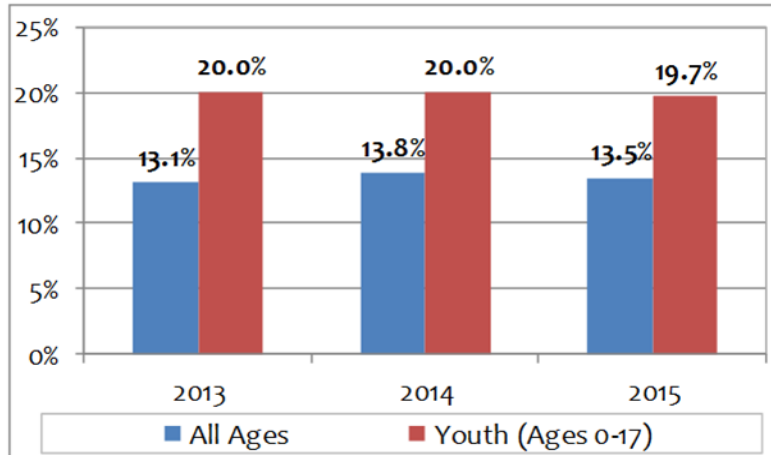


Data Sources: 7, 8, 9 (See p. 9)

Family

AYR Goal: Children will grow up within safe environments.

Food Insecurity – Tompkins County



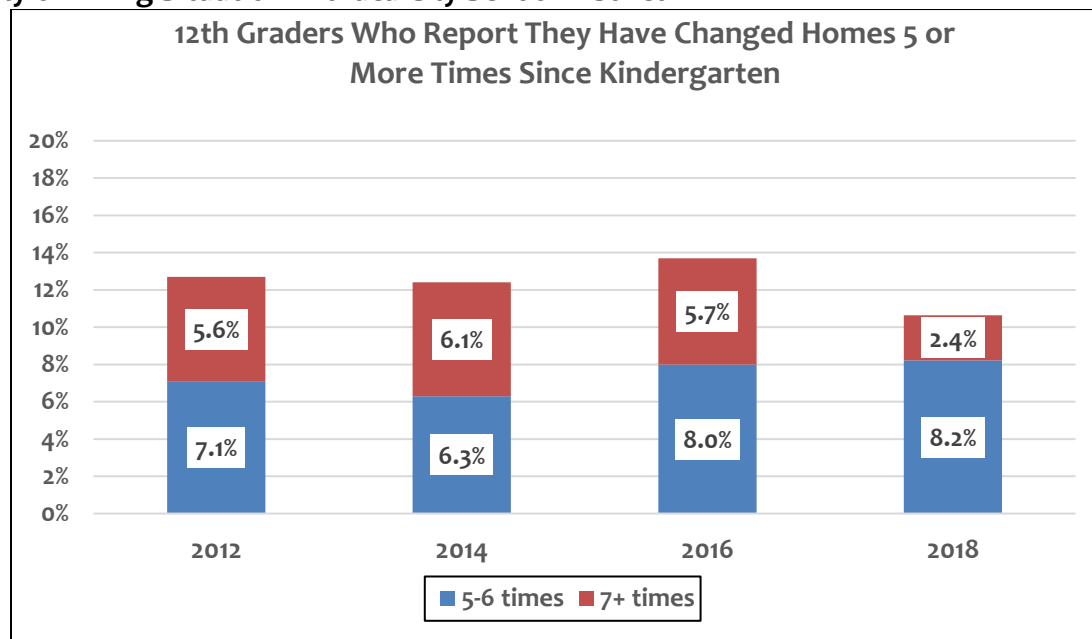
Divorces, Families with Children Under 18 – Tompkins County

2014	123
2015	97
2016	87

Child Care – Tompkins County

Estimated need (based on labor participation rates)	7,395
Total regulated child care slots (2019)	2,933 in 83 sites
Total legally exempt child care slots for subsidized children (2018)	176
Estimated gap, Ages 0-10	4,286 slots

Stability of Living Situation – Ithaca City School District



Data Sources: 2, 3, 6, 8 (See p. 9)

Health

AYR Goal: Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health.

Health Insurance – 153 (4.5%) Caroline residents lack health insurance.
0 (0%) of Caroline youth under age 19 lack health insurance.

Youth Substance Use, grades 7-12 – Any Use Within the Past 30 Days (“Current use”)

	2014		2016		2018	
	ICSD	County	ICSD	County	ICSD	County
Alcohol	22%	19%	15%	14%	17%	16%
Marijuana	18%	15%	11%	11%	16%	13%
Cigarettes	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Electronic Vaping					14%	16%

Teen Pregnancies and Births

	Caroline Teen Pregnancies		Caroline Teen Births	
	15 – 17	18 – 19	15 – 17	18 – 19
2011	0	2	0	0
2012	0	1	0	0
2013	0	1	0	1
2014	0	3	0	2
2015	1	3	1	2



Between January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 4 Caroline teens enrolled in the Child Development Council's Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Program gave birth.

Overweight and Obese* Students by Grade Level

		Elementary		Middle/high		All grades	
		% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese	% over-weight	% obese
School years 2016-2018	Ithaca district	14.2%	11.8%	14.1%	12.9%	14.2%	12.1%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.7%	16.0%	17.4%	18.8%	16.5%	17.2%
School years 2014-2016	Ithaca district	13.5%	7.7%	12.1%	12.2%	12.9%	9.6%
	NYS excl. NYC	15.9%	16.3%	17.3%	18.5%	16.5%	17.3%

*Overweight = 85th to 94th percentile; obese = 95th+ percentile calculated body-mass index for age

Mental Health of ICSD Students – Students (grades 7-12) reporting:

	2014	2016	2018
I felt sad or depressed most days in the past year	30%	27%	35%
Sometimes I think life is not worth it	19%	24%	32%
At times I think I'm no good at all	33%	34%	42%
All in all, I am inclined to think I'm a failure	19%	20%	26%

Data Sources: 1, 5, 6, 8 (See p. 9)

Data Sources

- 1) American Community Survey 2015 (5 year estimates)
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- 2) Child Development Council
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- 6) NYS Department of Health Vital Statistics
www.health.ny.gov/statistics/vital_statistics/index.htm
- 7) NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, Juvenile Arrest Record System
www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm
- 8) Tompkins County Communities that Care Youth Survey
www.healthyouth.org/publications.php
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www.tompkinscountyny.gov/probation Detailed reports not available online
- 10) U.S. Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html>